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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Dear Josh,

I am delighted that you are able to serve on the CEP Terrorism Task Force. There is hardly a more topical subject in Washington these days than terrorism. Your background and interests render you particularly qualified to work with the Task Force.

Although many in Washington are talking about terrorism and huge flower pots have sprung-up at the entrances to the White House, State Department, and Pentagon, it certainly is less than clear that we fully understand terrorism and its implications for national security. Admiral Watkins decided to establish the CEP Task Force on Terrorism to help him understand state-supported terrorism and to assist in framing a Navy policy to deal with terrorism.

Due to the obvious importance and urgency of the topic, Admiral Watkins has asked the Task Force to meet the following schedule:

- 19 April: interim findings and recommendations;
- 24 May: briefing on final conclusions and recommendations; and
- 21 June: final report.

Terrorism lends itself to many definitions and points of view, and I have planned an initial session, including a meeting with Admiral Watkins, to help us focus our thoughts. The meeting is scheduled for 21-22 February, and I have attached a tentative agenda.

Please contact me or Commander Robby Harris, who will serve as the Task Force managing director, if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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